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### **ITEM 1. Proposed Project**

Project funding would provide essential support for the OHV and OSV law enforcement program on National Forest Lands within the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU). Nearly 80% of the land area within the Lake Tahoe Basin is National Forest, and these lands are administered by the USDA - Forest Service - LTBMU. This is one of the most popular, most regulated and complex management areas in the nation, with multiple state and federal agencies engaged in extensive activities to preserve the lake's water quality and clarity. As a popular year-round recreational destination, the Forest Service works closely with California and Nevada State Parks, off-highway (winter and summer) user groups, and the law enforcement community to effectively manage these recreational activities throughout the Basin. In addition to aggressive user education and interpretation programs to make visitors and locals seeking to recreate on these public lands aware of regulations designed to protect the lake, the LTBMU has also maintained, through the support of grant funding, an effective OHV/OSV law enforcement patrol program. With the support of this funding, the LTBMU will continue to use two dedicated Forest Protection Officers (FPO's), with support from Law Enforcement Officers (LEO's), to patrol 138-miles of OHV routes, and over 83,000 acres of lands open to OSV activities within the LTBMU with several primary objectives as their goal: 1. Ensure off-road vehicles have the correct State of California vehicle registration. 2. Ensure OHV/OSV recreationists are riding/driving in/authorized areas/ 3. Ensure all vehicles meet established California/Federal motor vehicle codes for spark arrestor/muffler equipment. 4. Ensure OHV/OSV recreationists are safely riding using the required equipment and have the requisite safety certificate as required for riders under the age of 14. 5. Handout safety brochures. 6. Install needed signing or barriers for effective user management. Law enforcement grant funding will provide needed resource protection, and public service measures including patrolling, user education, travel management and signing. The LTBMU would focus attention on such popular OHV sites as the Rubicon, Sand Pit and Power Line Trail, focusing on the summer and winter periods of motorized activity (May-Oct & December-March). This grant is a critical funding source for the LTBMU to ensure the Forest Service can maintain a viable, and responsive OHV/OSV program in this sensitive and highly visible public area.

### **ITEM 2. Project Coverage**

The Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) comprises approximately 80% of all lands within the Lake Tahoe Basin. Within this land base are 138-miles of Off-Highway-Vehicle routes including the east-side portal to the celebrated McKinney-Rubicon OHV Route. During the winter months, approximately half of the Tahoe Basin, 83,000-acres are open to over-snow-vehicle recreational use.

### **ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols**

OHV/OSV Forest Protection Officers supported as needed by Law Enforcement Officers would typically patrol 5-days a week, 8-hours/day. Patrols would occur during the concentrated use periods during the summer and winter months (May-October & December-March), but the LTBMU also relies on year-round monitoring patrols by OHV/OSV volunteers for patrolling as well as user education and information as well as maintenance of areas and sites. Patrols may be staggered as to hours and locations to prevent establishment of a predictable patrol presence in problem areas.

### **ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel**

Typically two OHV/OSV Forest Protection Officers (FPO's) will be deployed as a working team throughout the year. They will be specifically dedicated to the OHV/OSV Law Enforcement Program, and serve as the primary LTBMU field contact presence for the Forest. These OHV/OSV FPO's will be joined by Law Enforcement personnel as needed throughout the year.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:  
  
Because of the urban interface throughout the Lake Tahoe Basin, there are scores of priority OHV/OSV related law enforcement zones. Some additional examples of special concern include Desolation Wilderness, High Meadows, Page Meadows, McKinney-Rubicon, Meiss Country and the urban zones around Fallen Leaf Lake.
2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:  
  
This OHV/OSV Law Enforcement Project will significantly facilitate the LTBMU's efforts to continue to provide riding and sledding access around this highly environmentally sensitive and politically active area. By promoting an enforcement and educational program to promote responsible OHV/OSV use and compliance, this reduces intrusions onto private property, sensitive habitat areas & closed areas, and that substantially helps us to minimize non-user criticisms and to maintain the available OHV/OSV opportunities within the Lake Tahoe Basin.
3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:  
  
The LTBMU maintains both a formal and informal cooperative working relationship with each of the respective County Sheriff's Offices (providing a "coop law" grant to most to facilitate their patrol presence on National Forest lands in the Tahoe Basin.) Eldorado County's SAR activities, fire suppression activities are always supported by the LTBMU. One LTBMU LE Officer is a K-9 Handler and as such is often used as a resource to county and federal officers.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
(Please select Yes or No)  
  
Explain  
  
Note that the USDA-Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, under our special-use authorization provisions must charge a potential event sponsor the processing expense costs for obtaining a permit, and up to 3% of gross income is available for on-ground administration of the event. Normally, this amount is far less than the actual cost of administration.
5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
(Please select Yes or No)
6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:  
  
OHV/OSV Forest Protection Officers (FPO's) on the LTBMU must first be trained and then certified as an FPO, then are required to be trained in a variety of safety & equipment courses (certified by the LTBMU Safety Coordinator), such as how to ride an ATV and a snowmobile. They must work with resource specialists and heritage specialists to learn the fundamentals of T&E, species management, and awareness of historic evaluation processes as well as noise monitoring and regulations enforcement and monitoring.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
(Please select Yes or No)
8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:

9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:

The LTBMU operates an ATV play area known as the "Sand Pit," and also supports management of the McKinney-Rubicon Trail within the Basin watershed (Staging Area). We rely on available federal funding for roads/trails and also on the contributions of volunteers. Our O&M funding is prioritized, and we try to focus on the most important needs. We routinely prioritize those needs and annually try to address them.

11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009  
Agency: USFS - Tahoe/Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit NF - Patrol District  
Application: Lake Tahoe Basin OHV/OSV LE

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<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	Lake Tahoe Basin OHV/OSV LE	<b>PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :</b>	
<b>PROJECT TYPE :</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Planning		
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION :</b>	<p>Project funding would provide essential support for the OHV and OSV law enforcement program on National Forest Lands within the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU). Nearly 80% of the land area within the Lake Tahoe Basin is National Forest, and these lands are administered by the USDA - Forest Service - LTBMU. This is one of the most popular, most regulated and complex management areas in the nation, with multiple state and federal agencies engaged in extensive activities to preserve the lakes water quality and clarity. As a popular year-round recreational destination, the Forest Service works closely with California and Nevada State Parks, off-highway (winter and summer) user groups, and the law enforcement community to effectively manage these recreational activities throughout the Basin. In addition to aggressive user education and interpretation programs to make visitors and locals seeking to recreate on these public lands aware of regulations designed to protect the lake, the LTBMU has also maintained, through the support of grant funding, an effective OHV/OSV law enforcement patrol program. With the support of this funding, the LTBMU will continue to use two dedicated Forest Protection Officers (FPO's), with support from Law Enforcement Officers (LEO's), to patrol 138-miles of OHV routes, and over 83,000 acres of lands open to OSV activities within the LTBMU with several primary objectives as their goal: 1. Ensure off-road vehicles have the correct State of California vehicle registration. 2. Ensure OHV/OSV recreationists are riding/driving in/authorized areas/ 3. Ensure all vehicles meet established California/Federal motor vehicle codes for spark arrestor/muffler equipment. 4. Ensure OHV/OSV recreationists are safely riding using the required equipment and have the requisite safety certificate as required for riders under the age of 14. 5. Handout safety brochures. 6. Install needed signing or barriers for effective user management. Law enforcement grant funding will provide needed resource protection, and public service measures including patrolling, user education, travel management and signing. The LTBMU would focus attention on such popular OHV sites as the-Rubicon, Sand Pit and Power Line Trail, focusing on the summer and winter periods of motorized activity (May-Oct &amp; December-March). This grant is a critical funding source for the LTBMU to ensure the Forest Service can maintain a viable, and responsive OHV/OSV program in this sensitive and highly visible public area.</p>		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>							
<b>Program Expenses</b>							
1	Staff						
	Technician	1450.000	23.400	HRS	25,447.00	8,483.00	33,930.00
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	Law Enforcement Officers	100.000	37.500	HRS	2,483.00	1,267.00	3,750.00
	<b>Total for Staff</b>				53,377.00	18,233.00	71,610.00
2	Contracts						

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3	<b>Materials / Supplies</b>						
	Signs	100.000	10.000	EA	750.00	250.00	1,000.00
4	<b>Equipment Use Expenses</b>						
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance	12.000	340.000	MOS	3,060.00	1,020.00	4,080.00
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance	1500.000	2.500	HRS	2,813.00	937.00	3,750.00
	<b>Total for Equipment Use Expenses</b>				5,873.00	1,957.00	7,830.00
5	<b>Equipment Purchases</b>						
6	<b>Others</b>						
7	<b>Administrative Costs</b>						
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>					60,000.00	20,440.00	80,440.00
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					60,000.00	20,440.00	80,440.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>					<b>60,000.00</b>	<b>20,440.00</b>	<b>80,440.00</b>

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<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Program Expenses</b>					
1	Staff	53,377.00	18,233.00	71,610.00	Two GS-5 Forest Protection Officers (OHV/OSV Forest Technicians) + Law Enforcement Officer
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	750.00	250.00	1,000.00	OHV/OSV Posters or signs
4	Equipment Use Expenses	5,873.00	1,957.00	7,830.00	Vehicles include 4x4 compact or standard sized pickup truck, and two snowmobiles for OSV law enforcement patrol purposes.
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Administrative Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>		60,000.00	20,440.00	80,440.00	
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